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Native Americans from around the United States and Canada competed Friday evening in a tribal dance contest in the Smith Center as part of the Nation's Capital American Indian Celebration. The powwow, which coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, was dedicated to American Indian veterans.

Access system safeguards GW, records entrance to buildings

by Jen Chait and
Elissa Leibowitz
Hatchet Staff Writers

This is the second in a two-part series
on safety in the residence halls.



Administrators agree theft in the residence halls is relatively low, considering

GW is a school in the heart of the most crime-ridden city in the nation. Generally when students are careful, their rooms remain safe.

But safe living on campus exists not just because residents keep their doors locked when they are asleep and watch who follows them into a dormitory. A sophisticated and relatively new building access system also safeguards the campus.

In 1989, GW hired a company called Electronic Security Services, Inc. to revamp the residence hall access system. Prior to 1989, students had two keys — one to get inside their residence halls and another to open their room doors.

But after a nine-month implementation period and a \$400,000 investment, GW had a sophisticated, computerized access system, according to David H. McElveen, Office of

Campus Life associate director for housing and business affairs. Now, rather than using the typical key-only method, students gain access to their halls using specially-coded identification cards and enter their rooms with regular keys.

The access cards work through a computer system and a network of optics embedded next to the identification picture, forming a code pattern, Access Services Manager Audrey Amey said.

According to Amey, each card's pattern form is unique. A beam of light reads the pattern, and if the card is properly coded, the machine adjusts to let a student into a specific building. The whole system is controlled through a central location, and works from a memory bank.

"Cards are easier to monitor than keys," Amey said. "If someone lost a key, we'd have to change the core lock."

Much to the surprise of students who complain about the card process, the system actually aids crime prevention. McElveen explains that each time a student puts his or her card into the access box outside of the residence hall, that "transaction" is recorded onto computers at the Office of Residential Life, Access Services and the

University Police Department.

McElveen explains how the tracking system prosecuted a PPD employee last summer after he entered a residence hall illegally. The accused had called-in sick one day and used a vacation day the next when he attempted to steal electronic equipment from a student's room during a two-day period. "The person stole a key and went in a hall. We got him because we made a print out of the names, social security numbers, card IDs and times of everyone who had entered the building," he says.

The computer system even records the identification numbers of cards used to access buildings for which they are not coded. If someone tries to enter a building for which he or she is not coded, the system tracks this information and keeps the individual's card number on disk in the event of an emergency. If a crime occurs, for example, the individual is called in and questioned along with any other suspects or witnesses. "Cards convict," McElveen says.

This access card system has been especially helpful in deactivating the codes of students who have moved off campus. "Everything is done by computer," Residential Life Assis-

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Politicians celebrate 'year of the woman'

by Celeste Landry

Special to the Hatchet

Honoring what has been hailed as "the Year of the Woman" in politics, the Women's Studies Public Policy Master's Degree Program celebrated its 10th anniversary Nov. 5 with a panel featuring former Congresswoman Lindy Boggs (D-La.), now a GW congressional lecturer.

More than 200 GW alumni have earned master's degrees in public policy with a concentration in women's studies, some of whom joined Boggs on the panel.

Boggs, who served nine terms in the House, founded what is now called the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues in 1977. She noted that since its early days, the caucus has relied on the GW Women's Center for research facilities.

She gave a historical perspective of politically-active women, from Abigail Adams asking her husband, President John Adams, to "remember the women" during his term and the Seneca Falls, N.Y., women's suffrage convention in 1848, to the modern "gender gap" phenomena which first received widespread attention in 1982.

Boggs, who currently teaches a GW course about post-WWII Congress, comes from a politically-active family. It includes her late husband Hale Boggs (D-La.), a former House Majority Leader; daughter Cokie Roberts, ABC news political analyst; and late daughter Barbara Boggs Sigmund, former mayor of Princeton, N.J.

Boggs said when she was a newly-elected congresswoman, she not only represented her district in Louisiana, but also became a de facto representative for millions of women across the country. "When we sound the death knell for discrimination against one group of people, we sound it for discrimination against other groups," she said.

Freedom of speech is one issue Boggs focused on, and said it is a necessary step toward realizing women's goals. With more women in the 103rd Congress "more (women's) voices will be heard," she said.

The panelists also discussed the newly-elected Clinton-Gore administration. One audience member commented that the Clinton administration seems very committed to power-sharing, which she considered a feminist principle. A panelist said lists of qualified women are being prepared and forwarded to Clinton to encourage equal representation of men and women in his administration. This was followed up by a comment that many Wellesley graduates, particularly those from the Class of 1969, have promoted themselves as candidates for government jobs.

GW professor elected to Dupont Circle ANC

by Shannon Brown

Senior Staff Writer

School of Education and Human Development Professor Dennis Holmes was elected to the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission in a close three-way race Nov. 3.

Holmes, a professor of education policy studies at GW and a longtime Dupont Circle resident, garnered 42 percent of the vote, beating out community activist Lisa Moscynski and incumbent Harry Meier. Mosc-

ynski finished second with 31 percent and incumbent Meier tallied 23 percent of the vote.

"I decided to get involved because the neighborhood I live in has deteriorated over the past three years. There's been an increase in street crime and a decrease in city services," Holmes said.

Each of the District's eight wards is divided into a series of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. These local

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Peace of Mind

World peace can't be far with Bert and Ernie on the job

Bill Clinton watched Sesame Street. Things are gonna be all right.

You see, knowing that the person in charge of these good ol' United States of America has watched a program brought to him by the letter 'P' and the number '7' just gives me that calm, peaceful feeling inside — something I couldn't quite manage when thinking about the executive office anytime before this.

In fact, I think this whole planet would be a better place if we gathered up all the world leaders every morning and had them watch Oscar the Grouch and the bunch. They could learn something.

Close your eyes for a minute and picture Fidel Castro, Bill Clinton, John Major, Boris Yeltsin, Daniel Arap Moi, Frederick de Klerk and the others rolling out of bed and heading to a mandatory meeting with Big Bird and the gang. Hell, once a week they could set up a conference call for a rousing chorus of *Rubber Ducky*. Maybe they

would have called each other to figure out how to handle Mr. Hooper's death. Maybe they'd catch on to a thing or two about eliminating prejudice from a big yellow bird getting along with a goofy blue monster named Grover.

Can you imagine going out and oppressing the masses after a morning full of Ernie and Bert. I just don't think its possible.

Before I get too carried away, I feel compelled to admit that I have no concrete evidence that Clinton has watched the Count and friends. I just have this hunch.

You see, by my math, he must have. Not as a kid, of course, but as a father. Clinton's daughter Chelsea is now 12 years old and firmly in the ugly stage which means she is pretty much like every other kid in America. Now, bear with me and assume the Clintons have owned a TV for the 12 years that Chelsea has been alive.

Given these two facts — Chelsea appearing normal and the Clinton's owning a TV — it is

safe to assume Chelsea watched Oscar the Grouch and the bunch. So, by the transitive property, I'm willing to go out on a limb and guess that at least once Papa Bill sat down and watched Mr. Hooper and friends with her.

I also must confess I have no evidence that George Bush, Ronald Reagan or Idi Amin have not watched Sesame Street. I think we can pretty much rule out Amin, but Ron and George probably did watch it with the grandkids once or twice. But it's just not the same.

Clinton's got a head start because he's seen the show as a father but he's not all the way there. You gotta wonder just how often he plopped himself down for the whole show.

Certainly, Chelsea's way ahead of him in Sesame Street lessons learned. But he must have picked up a thing or two. He's a pretty bright guy even for going to Georgetown.

Bush and Reagan, if they saw it at all, must have lost the message in the generation gap.

There's only so much you can appreciate when it's not you or your kid gettin' the knowledge.

So, while Clinton's a good start, we can do better.

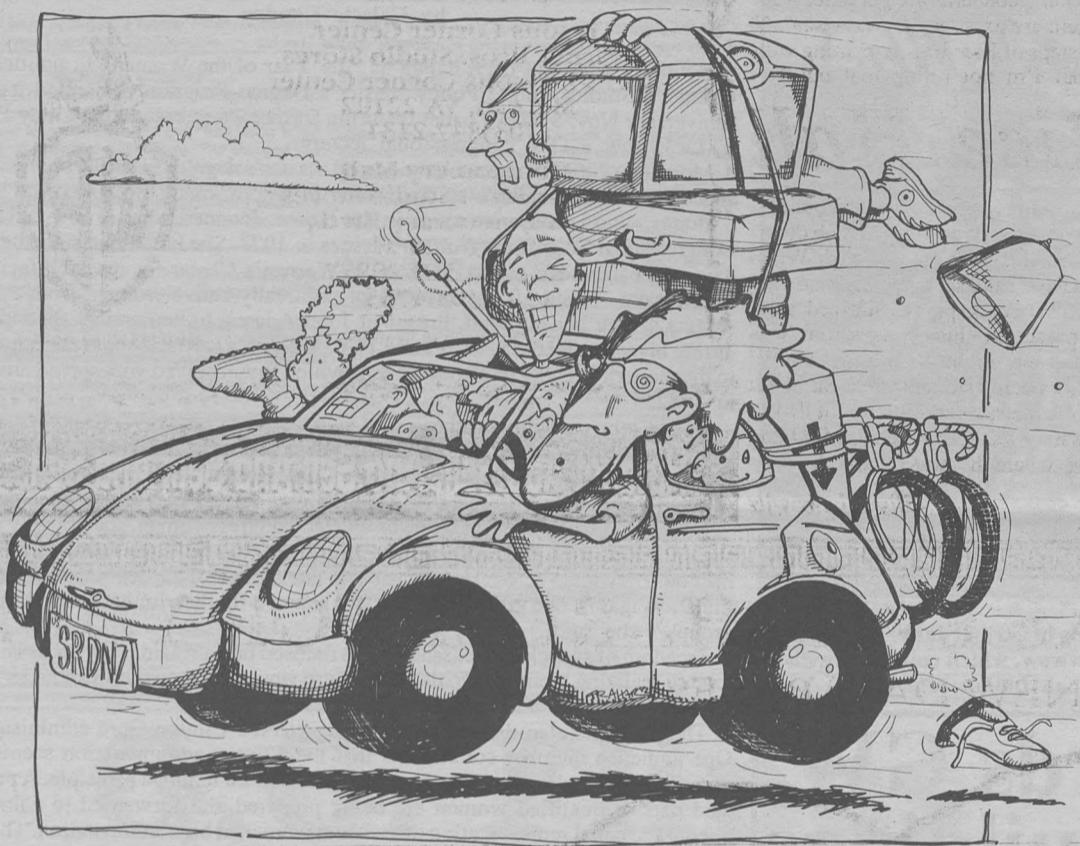
Forget the Libertarians, the LaRouchies, the Perot followers, I want to vote for someone from the Cookie Monster Party of America.

Unfortunately, Jim Henson is no longer around to run in 1996 but I think we're on the right track. If we can manage to avoid electing more 60- and 70-year-olds, pretty soon we'll have a first-generation, first-person Snufalufagus watcher in the Oval Office.

Kind of makes you think things might just turn out OK after all, huh?

In the mean time — Sing it guys . . . *Rubber ducky, you're the one. You make bath time lots of fun . . .*

— Scott Jared



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New SA president begins work

by Daniel Owen
Hatchet Staff Writer

When Jon Tarnow was sworn-in as Student Association president little more than a week ago, he set for himself a daunting task when he said: "Now we can begin the process of healing both within the SA and at GW."

Now that he is settled into his office, the new president said he is coming to grips with the "enormous scope of the task ahead."

"I'm comfortable that I can do this job," Tarnow said. "I believe things we were working on were our projects together and in order to keep those projects going it was up to me to assume the helm."

The issue of racism on campus is his first priority, Tarnow said. "We have a formidable task to do, of rebuilding the Student Association, bringing the community back together, bridging the gaps that have been caused and pulling everyone back together," he said. He added the SA will support demands for an African studies program at GW.

"We're going to be helping develop programs and events in conjunction with the Program Board and the Office of Campus Life to bring the community back together," Tarnow said. He repeated his wish, first voiced at the SA Senate meeting last Tuesday, that the SA not embark on "something that somebody else is already doing."

Tarnow said the issues facing the SA will not change, though certain issues are more important to him than they were to Musante, including the honor code and student involvement in dean search committees.

Man illegally enters Rice Hall

University Police arrested a man in possession of a GW student's purse Saturday for disorderly conduct, UPD Senior Associate Director Dolores Stafford said.

Metropolitan Police also arrested him later for burglary, receiving stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The man entered Rice Hall, 2020 Eye St. N.W., at 6:30 a.m. Saturday. The UPD dispatcher received an alarm

signal at Woodhull House and the responding officers met a housekeeper at the administrative building. The housekeeper said she saw the man leaving the building through the front door carrying a woman's purse, Stafford said.

UPD officers approached the man who gave a false name and became irate and disorderly with the officers in the Academic Center across the street, Stafford said.

The man was taken to Woodhull House where he was charged with disorderly conduct, Stafford said. When MPD arrived and searched the man they found two crack pipes, Stafford said. The purse in his possession was reported the night before by a GW student as being stolen from a car at 9th and G streets, according to Stafford.

The man was then taken to MPD 2nd district where he was charged.

-Elissa Leibowitz

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EDITORIALS

Party on

Ross Perot's role in this year's election has some people talking about the positive effect a third major party in American politics could have. While Perot and other independent presidential candidates have been valuable in bringing the public's voice back to the election process, a formal third major political party would simply factionalize the public more. If people want their ideas and programs better represented they should invest their time and money into immediate, local efforts, not into forming a new political party.

Independent candidates' primary function is to serve as a bridge between the public and the parties when they have strayed too far from the ideas and concerns prevalent among the electorate. Perot did this by hounding the Democrats and Republicans to address the economy and deficit issues early in the campaign. This gap, which slowly widens and closes, had reached desperate proportions this year, as shown by Perot getting the biggest share of the popular vote of any independent candidate since Theodore Roosevelt in 1912. To make a third party an institution, however, would destroy this usefulness. Through the ossification of a third party, it too would be subject to the same distance from the public the current parties face.

This does not mean voters should accept the system as it is. There are many ways to act on political frustrations outside of the political parties. One example of this brightly illustrated in this election was the use of ballot initiatives. These initiatives begin as grass roots projects in communities to inform and educate on a particular issue. These ground floor initiatives serve a much more practical, unifying purpose than stumping for national political parties.

The party system all too often leads to factionalization. Independent candidacies are currently the antidote to that ill. The institutionalization of another major party would throw out the best check the party system has. Individual action is always better than broad-based representation.

Sacrifice

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day and, unfortunately, likely to be forgotten by many in the midst of everyday routines. While this apathy ignores the many who have served America in the military and is disturbing, there is ordinarily little to remind those who have not been directly affected by war of the occasion. This year, however, we have the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the importance and emotion this holiday holds because of the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial.

While Veterans Day honors all who have served, the observance of the anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial a few blocks away from our campus provides a vivid opportunity to understand the sacrifice of veterans, both those who returned from war and those who did not. During the week-long celebration of the wall, thousands of veterans will be on the Mall, visiting and remembering. The names of all 56,000 casualties listed on the memorial are being read aloud 24 hours a day through Veterans Day. The little sacrifice it takes to walk down to the memorial on this occasion will prove invaluable to learning about the sacrifices others have already made.

Veterans Day is in many ways a personal holiday. It mostly affects those who have served in war or had family or friends serve. While we acknowledge this, the personal nature of the holiday does not prohibit or exempt anyone from acknowledging the efforts of veterans. Whether it be World War I or the Persian Gulf War, we have all benefited from their service and should recognize their contributions.

Regardless of personal feelings on the legitimacy of a particular conflict or war in general, those who made the sacrifice to fight deserve recognition and appreciation. Go to the wall this week. Take a second to acknowledge the sacrifices of others on Wednesday. Our location provides us with a unique opportunity to learn and appreciate the significance of Veterans Day. Take advantage of it. Apathy is both a disservice to the veterans and to ourselves.

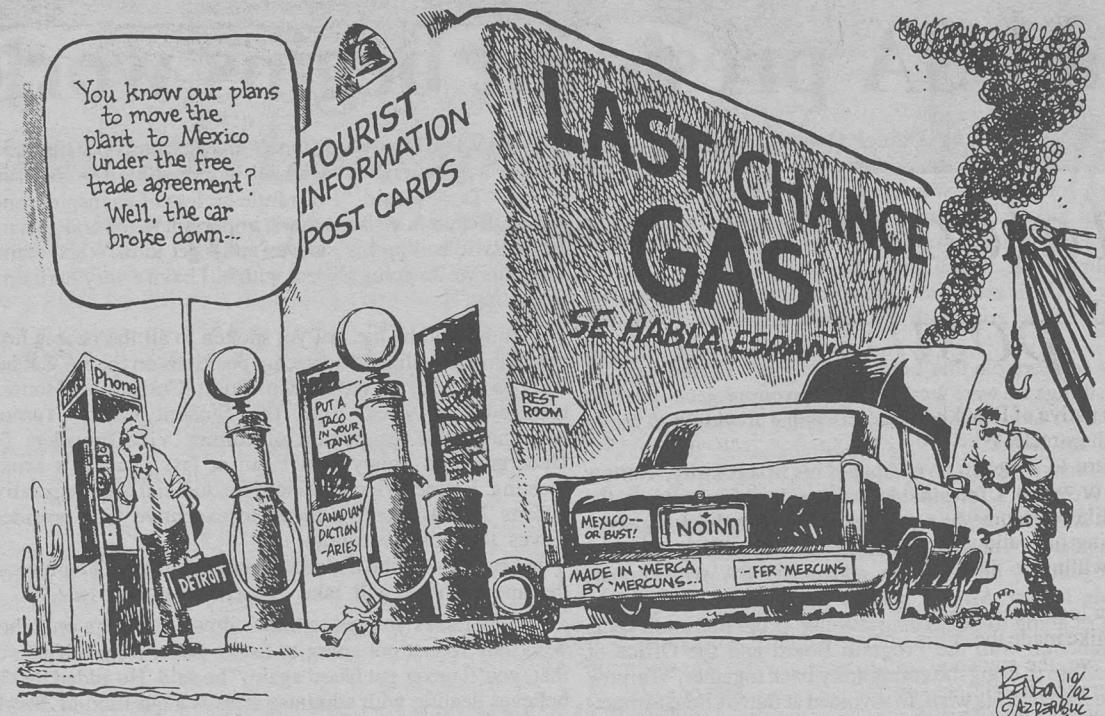
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Best Buddies

Best Buddies is a student organization which pairs college students with mentally retarded children. The purpose of Best Buddies is to assist people with disabilities in socializing with those in the community without disabilities. We have group outings with all of the Buddies as well as one-on-one interactions. Best Buddies fosters friendships that are truly unique.

On Nov. 14, Best Buddies will hold its annual charity ball. The ball will be held at the Mellon Auditorium (on Constitution Ave., between 12th and 14th streets) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Celebrities such as Dick Sargent ("Bewitched"), Fred Savage ("The Wonder Years"), Carl Lewis, Wilt Chamberlain, Khrystyne Haje ("Head of the Class"), and Ian Ziering and Gabrielle Carteris ("Beverly Hills 90210") will join Best Buddies Founder and President Anthony Kennedy Shriver for the ball with the theme "Images of Friendship."

Tickets are \$25 and the profits will be used to help fund the program. Tickets will be on sale Nov. 9-11 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Lobby of Ross Hall, on Nov. 12 from 12 to 1 p.m. on the 21st Street ramp of the Marvin Center, or from any Best Buddies member. For more information, call the Chapter Director Chris O'Connor at 703-516-9738.

Dress is creative black tie, so get dressed for a fantastic time at the 1992 ball!

-Amy Corson
-Best Buddies historian

Dining

The Joint Dining Services Board is another couple a year and a half ago. It constantly bombarded with criticism of its policies, and is seldom praised for its day was so this sleaze would stick in progress and advancements. Many voters' minds and not the reasons for students tend to overlook the good attributes of the dining services at GW and him. Hmmm. Somebody say something complain incessantly about its about an issue campaign?

Instead of voting in a candidate in the previous weeks, the JDSB has concerned with interpreting the constitutionality of its solution to the tuition, the Californians have put their complaints by students that the previous system offered little variety for meals spending record, who was against the and that the Thurston Hall cafeteria was Persian Gulf War, who took taxpayer-inconvenient. Monday through Thursday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. students supports federally-financed art that is on the dining plan can get up to \$5.50 in obscene and sacrilegious, who would food at the Grand Marketplace by not debate her opponent for fear of the exchanging one meal from a dining public knowing the truth behind where she stands, and a congresswoman who

finds it OK to bounce 143 checks. It was only her money then; now that she has the power to spend our money, will she spend it as freely as she did 143 times in the past?

Now, why did Boxer win? We got hit by a Democratic tidal wave. The voters covered their eyes and marked Democrat on their ballot every place they could find it. That's what will make this country better, a senator from California who bounced 143 checks, a senator from Ohio who symbolized the savings and loan scandal, a senator from Illinois who pocketed her sick mother's Medicaid money, a vice president who will take money out of our wallets for a bird that doesn't know what a wallet is, and a president who dodged the draft and thinks it's OK to maintain a 12-year love affair with someone other than his wife.

"Finally . . .," say my Democratic friends who have never seen a Democratic administration in power, finally we have a Democratic president. What they really mean is that finally we have a president who is dishonest with his wife and probably will be the same with his country, finally they will know what it's really like to have money disappear from their paycheck and not know where it goes, and finally Saddam can get what he wants — no one is going to stop him now. (He did throw a victory party Tuesday night.)

My Democratic friends, would you like to explain your "Finally . . .," or would you like to wait and view the damage in four years? (Better keep your eyes covered until then.)

-Kristy Khachigian

Roommate

I'm writing in reference to an article written by Elissa Leibowitz entitled "GW Student Charged with Stealing Check." Ms. Leibowitz made an important error in her information on this story that needs to be clarified.

She stated, "The student, a Strong Hall resident, stole a \$350 check from her roommate . . ." It was not the roommate but rather the suite-mate. I know. I'm the victim's real roommate!

Invasion of privacy and the disrespectful actions of my ex-suite-mate are upsetting enough without having such a deplorable mistake printed. I demand a correction and remember, Ms. Leibowitz, to get the facts straight!

-Monica Miller

OP ~ EDS

Malcolm X shows lessons of positive actions, forgiveness

As a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., I spent a lot of time growing up on the streets. When you grow up in such an environment, you learn to judge people by their actions, not their looks, creeds or words. Granted, former Student Association President Mike Musante was wrong to say what he did, his actions following his callous remark symbolize the mark of somebody willing to learn from his mistakes.

If we look back at Mike's accomplishments as SA president, Mike made the entire financial aid office organize itself so that we, the students, could find out what was going on with our records without any unjustified waiting or stress. At least that's the way it was for me and most of the students I've spoken with. Although I haven't heard anyone criticize the financial aid system this year, I'm sure many students still feel the system could use more improvement. Mike Musante's actions to improve the system represents a major accomplishment for the rest of us because it symbolizes student unity defeating one of the worst enemies of mankind, bureaucracy. Mike's righteous attitude, tolerance for stupidity and charismatic bulldozer-like personality allowed him to overcome the bureaucratic system because he had our support.

Despite his callous statement, Mike Musante still remains as a man of integrity. Although Mike could have continued to deny the entire incident between himself, Mr. Rabie and Bill Baroni, he instead, after having had the time to think of how his reputation and political future could be ruined, told the truth. Think about that for a second. Knowing that he would be viewed on this campus as a bigot and racist, knowing that he would be the topic of discussion of students and faculty alike, Mike told the truth. Yes, we should be upset that the comment was made, however we must not overlook his positive action of confessing his wrong doing. This represents the makings of a man willing to learn from his mistakes, and worthy of forgiveness.

Russell Nomer

Mike's action's remind me of when I was an incoming freshman to GW. One of the first people I met here was Jon Tarnow. At the time, Jon was telling me about the Politics and Values program. During our conversation, I asked Jon what he thought was the most important lesson he learned at GW. Jon told me it was "the ability to forgive someone who wronged him." This represents the mark of a true adult and a true leader.

Forgiveness represents a positive action. It says, "I know you made a mistake, and I am going to be a big enough person to give you another chance." How many of us have made mistakes in our lives? I know that I have, and I'm sure that every one of us has done something that we later lived to regret. We are still young and we deserve the chance to learn from our mistakes. Mind you, I am not saying that we should not be held responsible for our wrong doings; that is part of being an adult. However, I believe that we must not walk around with a holier-than-thou attitude, especially when we too are flawed. Everyone makes mistakes. Nobody is perfect. GW is a university, or as I like to put it, a learning environment where we are all supposed to grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. It is for this reason that I ask the GW community not to label Mike Musante, but to forgive him and allow him to go on learning with the rest of us. Even great figures in history have made mistakes. Take Malcolm Little, for example. Born in Omaha, Neb., on May 19, 1925. Malcolm's family soon moved to Lansing, Mich., where they were harassed by white people who resented the black nationalist views of Malcolm's father, Earl Little, an organizer for Marcus Garvey's "back-to-Africa" movement.

In 1964, Malcolm X broke with the Nation of Islam and began building his own Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU). He made the hajj, or pilgrimage, to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, to learn about "true Islam." Impressed by the fellowship he observed among pilgrims of all colors, Malcolm X came to believe that whites, like blacks, were victims of a racist society. He thought that Islam could someday unite people of all races. After the hajj, he adopted the name el-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz.

During later trips to African nations, where he was honored by their statesmen, Malcolm X began to advocate Pan-Africanism. He believed that blacks all over the world should join to combat racism. During the winter of 1964-65, Malcolm X received several death threats, and his home was bombed. On Feb. 21, 1965, while speaking at an OAAU rally in Harlem, he was shot and killed. Malcolm's death saddened white and black people alike who admired his tireless striving to build black pride and who shared his hopes that all races might someday be joined in brotherhood. Malcolm X represents the epitome of forgiveness and understanding. Here is a man who had a horrible childhood, and self destructive life, yet one day he learned from his mistakes. He saw that we are all human beings, not just colors. He stopped hating and learned to forgive. If Malcolm X could forgive after losing his dreams, his family, and eventually his life, can't we also learn to forgive? Can't we forgive individuals who speak before they think? After all, shouldn't we judge a man by his actions more so than by his words? Forgiveness is an action, perhaps one of the most difficult for people to execute. The time is now for the GW campus to forgive the wrongdoings of the past so that we can all unite as students. Then and only then will we truly begin to learn.

Russell Nomer is a sophomore and the founder of the Personal Image Institute at GW.

University should not require 'correct' ideas

Demands for requiring students to take programs aimed at changing their attitudes toward various groups and practices and to make them less likely to use words like "nigger" in private conversations go beyond the legitimate and proper role of a university which is education.

Forcing students to hear presentations — much less to be graded on how well they can parrot back what they heard — in an effort to make them believe what those in charge of the school think they should believe is indoctrination, whether done in Chinese communist schools or GW.

As an employer, GW may reasonably require its employees to sit through various presentations on everything from telephone etiquette to sexual harassment because it is paying them for their time, and because it has a right to require certain conduct from them in the performance of their jobs. But students, who are paying the University and who are free to form and to express opinions at variance with whatever views are politically correct at any given moment on campus, should not be subjected to

*John F.
Banzhaf III*

propaganda in the guise of education.

Because students in classrooms — and particularly students in required courses — are members of a captive audience subject to being rewarded or punished through the grading system, those who teach must be especially careful not to use the podium as a pulpit for promoting their own or the University's moral or political views. Professors in their respective disciplines may teach the legal, political, psychological or medical aspects of abortion or homosexuality, for example, but should not presume to lecture their students on whether the students' views on these and other controversial issues are "right" or "wrong."

Musante did not use the term "nigger" because he was ignorant of its connotations or history. No matter how strongly others feel that such views are improper, people who harbor such attitudes are not likely to alter them because they are presented with the type of factual information universities are designed to discover and impart to students, any more than those who disapprove of homosexual activities are likely to change their minds when given additional information about mechanics of these sexual practices, the trans-

mission of the AIDS virus, etc.

On the contrary, particularly on campuses where free speech and academic freedom are highly prized and legally protected, students are free to believe that sex between persons of the same gender is wrong and / or immoral, that women who have abortions "murder" their "unborn children," etc. — even if those views are contrary to current fashion.

As numerous recent court decisions on everything from speech codes to pornography make clear, attempting to punish or otherwise restrict even statements made in public raises difficult concerns about free speech and academic freedom. For a university to add new academic requirements because of statements made in private is even more troubling and should be vigorously opposed by all those who value the role of the university.

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Public figures who make comments, even in private, which groups find offensive when they are eventually disclosed may legitimately be subject to public criticism (as both Jesse Jackson and Bob Kerrey were), and public officials may even be forced from office (as Earl Butz was). However, no one would dare suggest that these and other politicians who used offensive language be subjected to forced indoctrination to change their attitudes, much less than all office holders or aspirants be required to attend programs to adjust their attitudes. But this is exactly what is being proposed for all students based upon the actions of one (or a few if other recent alleged racial incidents are included.)

One insensitive remark by one insensitive SA leader doesn't mean that racism or any other -ism is rampant on campus, and that all students should be tarred with the same brush and subject to the same behavioral modification programs. Even if racism and other -isms are rampant on campus, the role of the university is to teach — through voluntary programs, and by setting examples — and not to indoctrinate.

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IMPRESSIONS

Writing, directing set *Passenger 57* apart from action-adventure genre

by Lee Hoffman

He started out as a drug dealer in *New Jack City*. Then he caught *Jungle Fever*. He showed Woody Harrelson that *White Men Can't Jump*. Yes, folks, after proving that he can handle dramatic, romantic and comedic roles, Wesley Snipes takes on the action film genre with his new release, *Passenger 57*.

As with his previous ventures, Snipes fills the screen with a larger-than-life portrayal of his character. In *Passenger 57*, Snipes plays John Cutter, one of the foremost anti-terrorism experts in the world. Those days of action are behind him, though, now that Cutter has contented himself with teaching others his know-how after his wife died in a robbery attempt. Cutter blames himself for her death and refuses to get back into the action he loves for fear of letting someone else down.

All that changes, however, when Cutter boards a plane that also counts among its passengers noted terrorist Charles Rane. Bruce Payne does an incredible job of playing the ingeniously twisted madman and provides the perfect foil for Snipes' Cutter. Rane and his cronies quickly seize control of the plane, unaware of the skills which one of the passengers possesses. What follows is one hair-raising plot turn after another which keeps the audience glued to their seats waiting to see where this wild ride will take them next.

The casting for this movie is excellent, with Snipes and Payne playing off of one another beautifully. The supporting roles were cast with equal care and quality performances were turned in by Tom Sizemore as Cutter's longtime friend Sly Delvecchio, as well as Elizabeth Hurley, whose performance as terrorist Sabrina Ritchie is extremely compelling.

Psycho-drama makes the grade

by Hunter Shobe

Psycho-thriller films are certainly nothing new; Hitchcock figured it out years ago. They have fared especially well recently, particularly last year's blockbusters, *The Silence of the Lambs* and the remake of *Cape Fear*. Films of this genre tend to cash in on the warped and demented side of people. A suspense thriller is at its best when an audience believes that the sick and disturbing things happening on screen could actually occur in their lives.

Most importantly, the film must be believable enough to convince moviegoers that they should be afraid when they leave the theater. People want to be taken away to a world that is identical to the one they live in now. Insane ax murderers, crazed cannibals and — in this case — elusive serial killers are alive and well right outside the theater, so watch out.

Enter *Jennifer Eight*. Directed by Bruce Robinson, the story unfolds in a small town in northern California. Detective John Berlin (Andy Garcia) drives into town having left his job as an L.A. cop behind. He teams up with his old partner Freddy Ross (Lance Henriksen) and within a day stumbles upon a strange case involving human body parts found in a local dump. Berlin reopens a case on a serial killer, code name Jennifer.

The investigation had been closed several years ago. Through his forensic expertise, Berlin realizes the killer only stalks young blind women and finds his only lead to be the naive, beautiful and sightless Helena Robertson (Uma Thurman).

man). A relationship forms between the two and intensifies.

Sounds good, eh? Sure, and it works . . . kind of. The actors pull it off. Garcia and Thurman are both adorable. Thurman does an especially good job at pulling off the role of a blind woman. The script rolls along at a good clip and seems to climax three times before the credits roll. If you desire suspense, look no further.

But don't get too optimistic. The series of clues that put Berlin on the killer's trail gets a bit muddled. The wily director slides in a few too many lucky coincidences.

Furthermore, the film suffers from one of the worst problems of all American films: the male and female lead fall in love for absolutely no reason. Why does this cop fall in love with this young blind witness on some bizarre serial killer chase? A better question would be why does she fall in love with him? Is it the fickle nature of love? Pah-lease. Is it that people in desperate situations tend

to grab onto other people who feel their pain? Get real.

I'll tell you why. The reason is that people in the movies always fall in love. Pretty lame, don't you think?

Also worth mentioning is the short performance given by John Malkovich as an FBI investigator. His character is as cold and real as life itself and it is impossible to resist his abrasive charm. He's brash and snide. He smokes and yells. You can't beat that.

So what's the final call? Is it worth it, a pure psycho-thriller? Well . . . you might as well go see it. Although it lacks a Robert DeNiro or an Anthony Hopkins, it makes the grade as a strong Hollywood psycho-drama. The acting works and the script isn't too annoying. But if you want to check out the best of the disturbing side of humankind reflected in all its horror on film, *Jennifer Eight*, like the films that spawned it, can't hold a candle to any Alfred Hitchcock film you can rent for your VCR.



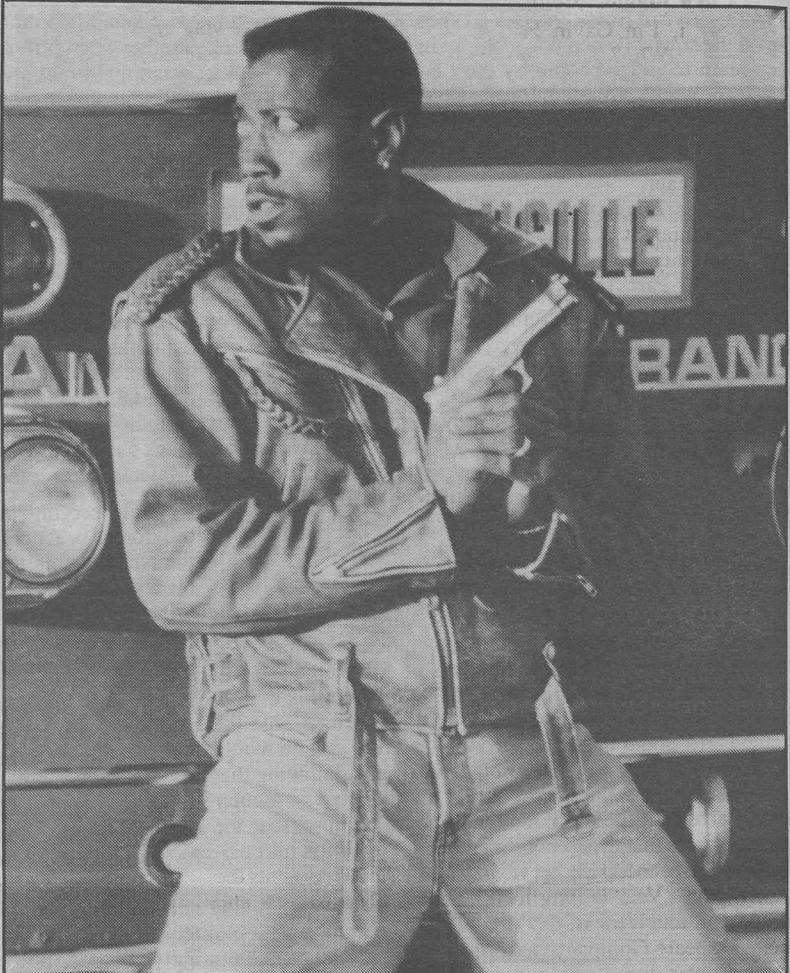
John Malkovich whispers to Andy Garcia.

Ernie Lively, formerly Cooter from the TV series *The Dukes of Hazzard* puts in the best supporting performance as Chief Biggs. Lively plays the small town sheriff role to the hilt and the scenes where Cutter and Biggs exchange stereotypical wisecracks are welcome respites of humor and plot development interspersed between the action segments.

What really sets *Passenger 57* apart from most other action films is the attention paid to writing and directing. Dan Gordon, David Loughery and Stewart Raffill have written an incredibly original movie. The movie appears to have reached its climax several different times, but each time the action peaks at a new crescendo. Director Kevin Hooks' expert hand behind the camera also helps to build the action. By the time the film finally winds down, the viewer has been up and down an adrenalin roller coaster.

The film focuses more on suspense and fistcuffs rather than on explosions and gunplay. Granted, guns are an integral part of any hijacking and this takeover is no exception. However, because of the space constraints of an airplane, heavy ordinance isn't given the same status in *Passenger 57* as in other action flicks such as the *Terminator* or *Rambo* series. The tight quarters give Snipes a chance to show off his martial arts training, particularly his study of Capoeira, a mix of Brazilian and African fighting techniques.

Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of this movie is that unlike other action films, *Passenger 57* deals with women as human beings and equals, not mere trophies for the hero to rescue and possess. The makers of *Passenger 57* have proven that one does not have to sacrifice intelligence and character development in order to make a thriller that will entertain and amaze audiences. It's about time someone did.



John Cutter (Wesley Snipes) has his back to the wall.

Uncovering nudists

by Michael Gross

Naked recreation? I'm sure you're asking yourself what it is. It's definitely not something you would find on the pages of *Playboy*. Naked recreation is a two-word description of a new wave of activity sweeping the country — a phenomenon so large that more than 54 million Americans count it among their experiences.

Nudists are more mainstream than people would like to believe. Don't get me wrong — they are not some revolutionary sect of people parading around in all their glory. They keep their privates private in public. What I mean to say is that they are an option for a different kind of recreation.

It's a misconception to believe that nudists are sexually motivated. They do not parade around in public like a bunch of perverts. Nudists believe in private clubs and resorts that provide classes, swimming, basketball, volleyball and other recreational activities free of sexual innuendos and materialism.

All kidding aside, Nudists boast a perspective that is practical and productive. Mentally, they believe it provides people with a comfortable and free self-image. Socially, it widens the gap between sexual activity and clothes-free recreation. Physically, it prevents rashes and skin irritations caused by clothes. Philosophically, it teaches society to condemn vanity and accept people as they really are.

The primary goal for nudists is to break away from the importance of materialism in our society and replace it with a true sense of who we are, while providing us with the availability of an environment we would be more comfortable in.

There are more than 200 nudist clubs, campgrounds or resorts throughout the U.S. Eight of them are in the D.C. area. The group governing these is the American Sunbathing Association, the North American affiliate of the International Naturist Federation, headquartered in Belgium.

Different groups provide introductory classes for newcomers such as "Bare Facts About Nudism," a two-hour class providing the student with the naked truth, if you will. They provide arenas for nudist resorts such as White Tail Park, one hour southeast of Richmond, Va., and Avalon Conservation Club, a clothes-free optional resort near Culpepper, Va. So if all of your underwear is caught in the spin cycle or you're feeling a little restricted, hop in your car, roll up the windows and head for Richmond. You'll find comfort there.

Gary Brown, of Vienna, Va., is a spokesman for an organization in the D.C. area. Brown heralds nude recreation as a healthy and beneficial exercise. In a recent interview, he explained, "Nude recreation allows people to discriminate between sexuality and nudity. People accept us and respect us, not because of our body, but because of our heart."

ARTS & FEATURES

Songwriter casts himself in U2's long shadow

by David Larimer

The following is a review of Gavin Friday's new album, *Adam 'N' Eve*.

Hi, I'm Gavin Friday." Who?

"Gavin Friday. Here's my new album. It's called *Adam 'N' Eve*."

Hmmm ... you sure you aren't George Michael?"

"George is English. I'm Irish."

Bono! I thought it might be you! I mean, the liner notes look like *The Joshua Tree, Part Two*.

"No, really. My name is Gavin Friday and I was in a very influential post-punk band called the Virgin Prunes."

In that case, I have a question. Why is it that every British / Irish solo artist claims to have been in a very influential post-punk band? I mean, I have trouble believing that Wham! was all that influential.

"You're thinking George Michael

again. I was in the Virgin Prunes. You see the Virgin Prunes were compared with —

U2.

"Yeah. How'd you know?"

Every Irish band is compared with U2 at some point or another.

"I resent that!"

Name one that hasn't.

"Dexy's Midnight Runners. You know, the band that sang 'Come On Eileen.' "

And you're proud of that.

"Hey, the band's lead singer just went solo and I just saw him on 'Entertainment Tonight' talking about what an influential post-punk band Dexy's Midnight Runners was. And did they get a comparison? No."

But look at where they are now.

"They had a number one hit."

I sense that you really would like one of those just from looking at your album cover and liner notes.

"Marketing strategists. They were so

proud of the cover, too. It practically screams, 'Buy me! I'm accessible art rock!'

How fitting. The whole album has that feel of pure pop disguised as Euro-art rock, whatever that is. The sort of music that comes across as really pretentious. You know, like the Pet Shop Boys or U2's *Rattle and Hum*.

"So what about the music? Last I heard that counted for something."

Not necessarily. Welcome to America.

"That's why the liner notes are so pretty and all the songs are a tidy three to four minutes long. Bands like the Virgin Prunes might look good on a resume, but they don't pay the bills."

Point taken. Anyway, *Adam 'N' Eve* has some good stuff going for it. You do know how to make a solid, atypical ballad, "Falling Off the Edge of the World." The swirling melodies on songs such as "Falling Off the Edge" and "Eden" are pretty memorable.

"Memorable! I like that! Tell me, is it haunting? The suits at Island would give anything for someone to call my music haunting."

Well, the more uptempo songs, such as "King of Trash" are so cheesy they could induce nightmares. They are as unbearable as "Eden" is compelling.

"Damn! I'll never have my *Joshua Tree*!"

Relax. It's not a bad album. I think that with *Adam 'N' Eve*, particularly in its more somber moments, you may have found your niche, George.

"Gavin."

Whatever.



Gavin Friday

Grapes of Wrath brings Okie saga to stage with superlative cast, crew

by Angela Lauria

If you've never seen a barn turn into a car, then the somewhat inconvenient trip to the Gunston II Theatre in Arlington, Va., is worth it. The talented cast and crew of the Washington Shakespeare Company perform the miracle right before your eyes in their latest production, *The Grapes of Wrath*.

The script was adapted by Frank Galati from the John Steinbeck classic and was the basis of a recent Broadway revival. Turning the narrator's role into a Greek chorus proved effective and chilling. The three narrators — Deb Gottesman, Michelle Shupe and Michael Rogers — sometimes sounded like greeting cards telling the Great American tale of the "Okies" but even some greeting cards can choke up the best of us.

The Grapes of Wrath is the story of a poor farming family from Oklahoma who lose everything in the banking crisis during the Great Depression. After the bank forecloses on their property, Pa (Bill Delaney) — who looks like a cross between Pat Robertson and Tom Arnold — convinces his wife, in-laws, his brother, his children and everyone else who can squeeze in the jalopy to pick up what little they have and "Go West" to California. There is a common misconception that jobs are overflowing in California's fruit industry because of some orange fliers circulating throughout Oklahoma.

On their way across the desert, the

family goes through unbelievable hardships — unbelievable to everyone but the Okies they pass going the other way who already experienced the life of the migrant.

Grandpa (Richard Mancini) dies before they even get to the desert. Willy, a retarded boy, decides to stay behind at a river. "I'll never get hungry and I'll never get sad. Just lay here in the water." When they cross the river the next day, Grandma (Maxine Green) who has already been suffering severe dementia, dies in the arms of her daughter (Miyuki Williams).

When they finally reach California they try to start clean but the plague of being an Okie is too much. They can rarely find work. What little money they do make, they spend foolishly. When they are lucky, they sleep in "paperhouses" called Hoovervilles along the edge of the river.

Ma finds strength to pull what's left of the family together in order to survive. She is the show's ultimate symbol of life. "How can we live without our lives," says a narrator. Ma empowers the family to hold on to their lives: "Just try to live the day, just the day."

This is the Great American legend of the Okies. The piece screams for attention but the actors are not arrogant about it. It is a melodramatic script, but it's not overdone. At nearly three hours, however, it is long.

There were no weaknesses in the production. Every actor was totally

focused and exceptional. Every technician was sensitive and precise. The sound, engineered by Helen Hayes Award winner David Crandall, was well-timed and well-chosen. The lighting was subtle but poignantly effective. The costumes were appropriate, the set impeccable and the props were just enough to let your imagination work. Together they form a first-rate show which is so good you could mistake it for a well-edited film.

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OCL officials gauge freshmen progress

by Rob Ganz III
Hatchet Reporter

Students, faculty and staff contacted more than 1,300 new students by telephone during the end of October in an attempt to find out how they are adjusting to GW life.

The program, called Colonial Roundup, involved about 75 volunteers who attempted to call 1,510 new students, according to Office of Campus Life Graduate Assistant Bret Caldwell.

The event, sponsored by OCL in conjunction with the Office of Enrollment Management, attempted to be more than just a survey, Caldwell said. "This was a forum for us to allow students to express to us what their concerns were."

OCL Executive Director LeNorman Strong said response from the effort was positive. "The vast majority of students were very, very happy with the University," he said.

Dining facilities, garbage removal, academic advising, financial aid, work-study concerns and graduate student housing were a few of the concerns students voiced. "In many cases the student just needed the name and phone number of the person who could assist them," he said.

Strong said callers completed a response sheet on every student. Strong and his volunteers determined that comments on about 50 sheets required some administrative follow up. "We are preparing memos to the departments where those students had concerns, asking the appropriate people to look into the situation and to respond directly to the student," he said.

In two weeks, OCL employees will follow up with the student to make sure their concerns were resolved, Strong added.

In terms of logistical glitches, Strong said he felt the roundup — a program he plans to do again next year — could have occurred a week or two earlier. "Some students we called back two or three — or in some cases four times — before we finally connected," he said.

Overall, student reaction to the program was favorable. "I think it's a good idea because some people might not want to call their adviser if they have a problem," freshman David Dinan said. "I know people around that have had problems this year that maybe this could iron out for next year, whether it be roommates or matching people up or scheduling."

First-year student Jessica Cleary said she felt "flattered." "It just kind of feels good to have someone concerned... because adjusting here... was hard for me," she said.

Thurston resident Moryma Aydelott was not contacted but said she felt her concerns were probably expressed by those the roundup did reach. "I feel that most likely someone else covered whatever was bothering me, especially in a dorm this size," she added.

Strong mentioned the possibility of contacting upperclassmen, as well as first-year students in the future. "We tossed around this time even whether or not we should do a sampling of continuing upperclassmen and decided that for this first effort we needed to narrow to a specific population," he explained.

Strong said he also found calls worked better when the caller and student had something in common. He said he hopes to connect students with a volunteer from the same school next year.

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Students discuss interracial dating

by Jessica Buel
Hatchet Reporter

Interracial dating has become a much more accepted practice in today's society than it was 10 years ago.

In the spirit of Unity Week at GW, the Program Board offered a panel discussion on this controversial topic Tuesday.

The seminar was mediated by Radio / TV major Reggie Ross Richardson, who led panelists who have dated or have known people who have dated outside of their own race.

The panel included a Korean female who dates a Caucasian, a white woman whose boyfriend is black, a black woman who dates a native Chilean, two black women whose friends have been involved in interracial dating, a Philippino woman and a white woman, both involved in interracial relationships. Several audience members also shared such experiences.

The talks began in answer to the question, "What's the big deal about interracial dating anyway?" Most panelists and audience members seemed comfortable with interracial dating, and the overriding response was that it should not be a taboo topic in a society which is finally seeing the importance of improving race relations.

Yet not all those involved were totally at ease with the topic.

Arguments against interracial dating included the decreased number of black males for black females to date and the concept of genocide, here meant as the dying out of race, both physically and culturally, through interracial marriage.

One black woman said with the increase of educated black men dating white women, black women are finding it increasingly difficult to attract desirable black men. She commented that fewer black males exist to date because of the high percentage of young black males in prison and the low percentage of black men seeking a college education.

Most people who participated in the discussion said they feel that even within an interracial relationship, it is possible to hold onto cultural roots and the values one is raised with.

"You do not have to give up your heritage to date interracial," said Richard Williams, a black audience member who is currently dating a white female. "There has been a mixing of races from the very beginning of society. People like Malcolm X are from families with mixed marriages and are still strong black leaders."

In fact, most students said they believe this blending of cultures is in most cases educational and beneficial. Later they agreed that while raising children in a racially mixed environment does present unique problems, an interracial marriage may greatly advance a child's development if the children are nurtured in an appropriate way.

The panelists and audience members also discussed the trouble some families have accepting interracial couples, the dominance of one race in a relationship and the stereotype that many interracial couples seek their relationship out of curiosity. The group's consensus was that today's generation is making progress in the area of embracing all peoples despite their differences. As one panelist put it, "What is most important in a relationship is that you find the person that makes you happy."

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District plans events to honor veterans

by Eydie Kaufman

Hatchet Reporter

Veterans Day activities to acknowledge support for POW / MIAs and to celebrate the 10th year since the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, started on Capitol Hill this weekend and will continue through Wednesday.

Many events will be held on the Mall and on Capitol Hill in observation of Veterans Day, Nov. 11. These include speakers John Musgrave and Rev. John Steer, both longtime activists in the POW / MIA issue, and a band led by Britt Small, a Vietnam veteran and activist.

The POW / MIA issue receives more public attention now, according to GW sophomore Russell Nomer, founder of the national student group Operation H.O.P.E. (Help Our POW / MIA's Escape). "This issue used to be the equivalent of Bigfoot and UFO," he said. He said media coverage of political scandals such as Iran-Contra and Watergate make it "easier to believe" in the POW / MIA issue.

There are more than 20 veteran groups in Washington this weekend to attend reunions and special Veterans Day activities. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is expected to draw large crowds for its 10th anniversary, according to volunteers at Homecoming 2, a non-profit group that staffs The Last Firebase, a 24-hour vigil booth directly across from the Lincoln Memorial. Volunteers estimate attendance for the events to be about half a million people.

Larry Bice, a volunteer for Homecoming 2, said there will be a hospitality tent behind The Last Firebase offering free donuts and coffee. Bice said The Last Firebase will remain in constant operation "until we're satisfied that the POW issues are resolved."

Nomer said he would like to see record turnout at this week's events. "I'd like to see more people out there to support veterans than ever before," Nomer said.

Homeless woman found in Milton Hall

A homeless woman was found sleeping in the first-floor lobby of Milton Hall early Sunday morning, University Police said.

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-Elissa Leibowitz

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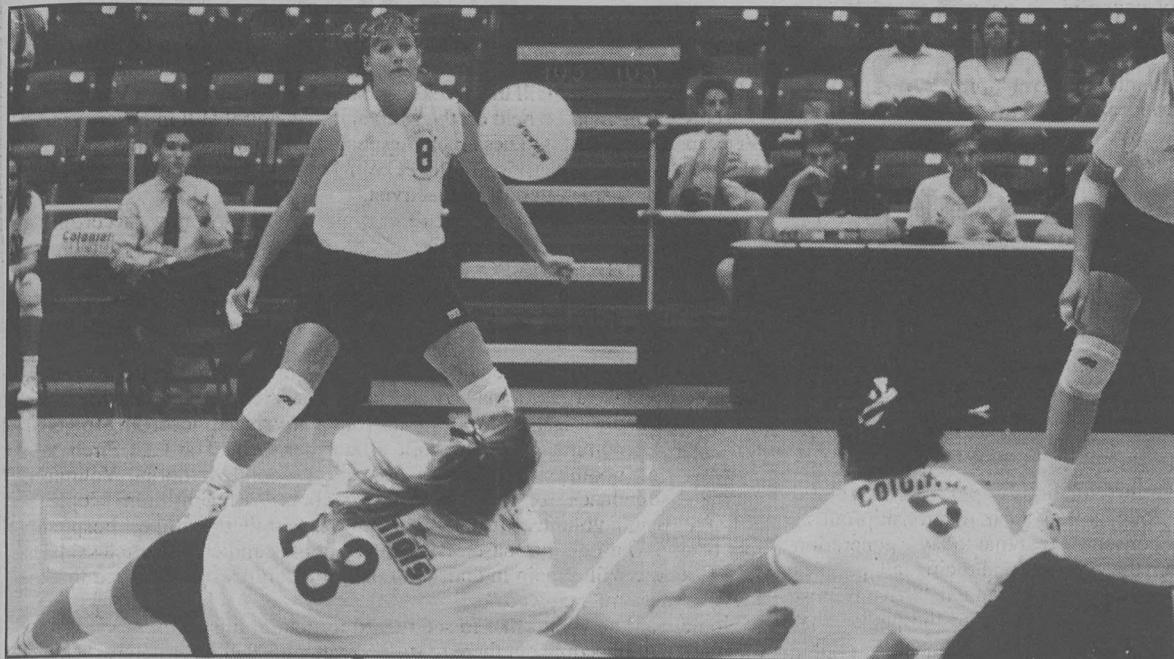


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West Virginia sent GW sprawling Friday for the team's first loss in the A-10 on the season.

Martin's injury gives WVU four-set victory

by James Dinan
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW volleyball team saw its 13-match winning streak come to an end, falling to Atlantic 10 Conference rival West Virginia in four sets (15-7, 11-15, 9-15 and 10-15) Friday in Morgantown, West Virginia.

GW was led by outside hitter Svetlana Vtyurina, who had 23 kills and 13 digs. Vtyurina was also named A-10 Volleyball "Freshman-of-the-Week" for the fourth time this season and leads the conference in kills (56) and hitting percentage (.371).

Also helping out the Colonial Women was senior setter Tracy Webster with 41 assists, including her 1000th assist for the season, and 18 digs. Hitter Kelly McCarty added 10 kills in the losing effort.

The Colonial Women (23-6 overall, 8-1 A-10) were hurt primarily by the absence of outside hitter Jill Lammert, along with an injury to hitter Liz Martin in the second game of the match with the Mountaineers.

"Liz will be fine. She will be around 100 percent come Friday's game," Homan said. "Jill is a bit more serious. She is going to the doctor on Monday so hopefully we can see if she will be ready for Friday."

GW had a .333 attack percentage en route to a victory in the first set. With 14 kills compared to only eight by WVU, the Colonials Women took the first game 15-7. GW lost the momentum in the second, however, as the Mountaineers played a near flawless game, committing only one error. The Colonial Women committed six errors and

tied West Virginia in total kills (17). GW fell apart in the last two sets, primarily because of Martin's injury and 21 attack errors, twice as many as WVU. The Colonials Women also had a combined attack percentage of zero percent in the third and fourth games, which added to their downfall.

Homan said she was disappointed with her team's performance. "I thought overall it was one of our weaker performances of the year. We were distracted pretty much by Liz's injury in the second game. After she went down, we just lost confidence in the rest of the match," she said.

Looking toward the weekend, Homan said she expects three good matches. "There will be extra interest in the Temple game if they defeated West Virginia on Saturday," she said. "If so, then Friday's game would determine the second-half conference champion. However, I think it will be a strong match all-around."

"Baylor is one of the top teams in the South and is nationally ranked. This match can give us some national exposure. St. Louis is going to be tough primarily because it is the last match of the weekend. We need to play to our best to go undefeated this weekend," Homan added.

Spikes — This weekend, the Colonial Women play three games at the Smith Center. Friday, GW takes on Atlantic 10 rival Temple at 7:30 p.m., while Saturday the team plays two games against Southwest Conference team Baylor University at 11 a.m. and Great Midwest Conference school University of St. Louis at 8 p.m.

Swimmers delayed

The GW men's and women's swimming teams meet with West Virginia Friday was postponed. It may be rescheduled at a later date. The squads' previous races at the Washington Metro Swim Relays at American University Oct. 30 was not counted as a meet and the organizers did not keep results. So far, both teams have only competed once this year, beating the University of Maryland at home Oct. 24.

The Colonials and the Colonial Women will race at the Smith Center versus Old Dominion University Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. It is also the GW alumni and parents meet. After that, GW will not have a meet at home until Jan. 23.

-Vince Tuss

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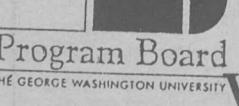
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SPORTS

The Hot Corner *Magic is no hero*

He's leaving again. Magic Johnson teased us for 34 days that he was returning to the NBA until opposition and rumor took away the untainted glory he has come to expect. People still present Magic as a hero, but in my eyes, he never filled that role.

What did Magic do that was so heroic? He won a few key contests a season along with other superstars. He earned ridiculous amounts of money for playing a game. He slept with a tremendous number of women and contracted a disease because of his own irresponsibility. This is the life of a hero?

In his own style and accomplishments, Magic Johnson was a star, even a legend of basketball. He wowed and amazed people around the nation and now the globe with his feats and ability. Yet any amount of points or assists or championships cannot project any qualitative worth on the world as a whole.

Because of the amount of attention given to sports stars, and Magic in particular, they are expected to serve as role models. The majority, however, do nothing outside of their athletic accomplishments to earn or deserve the label we, jealous of the talent only a few can do, place on them.

Notice I did not say all. When trying to come up with an athlete who I would point to and say he was heroic, Roberto Clemente instantly springs to mind. That comes, however, from his off-the-field action of aiding earthquake-ravaged Nicaragua.

When turning to sports, we should value it as it is meant to. We can use it as a distraction, we can appreciate the deft skills it takes to stand up to the rigors of the game. In the end, sports is entertainment, not an end but a means to society.

The trend of America today is to revise history and pull down our heroes. We must remember these men and women are as human as we are. They make mistakes, face mortality and live imperfectly.

Even though I love sports, no athlete makes my list of personal heroes. At the top, there are my mother and father. To some, their lives might seem mundane, but the fact that they bettered themselves and did a remarkable job raising a family means more to me than the homers Babe Ruth hit. Thanks Mom and Dad.

Filling out the rest of the spots are Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein and T.E. Lawrence. These names may not be proper on the sports page, but their accomplishments, values and dreams rank higher to me than any athletic figure.

For sports, someone always comes along to fill the void. Although Magic is a legend, Michael Jordan has more than begun to take his place. That's the difference between heroes and mere accomplishments. Once the heroes are gone, you feel their absence for a long time.

-Vince Tuss

GW falls in 1st round of A-10s



Abdou Secka (#18) clears the ball the out but nothing could save the Colonials in the A-10 Tournament Friday.

photo by Dave Jackson

Mountaineers score two to continue Colonials' bad luck in league tourney

by Becky Heruth

Asst. Sports Editor

GW lost the first round of the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships Friday in the semi-finals for the sixth year in a row, falling to West Virginia 2-0.

GW men's soccer head coach George Lidster said the team was disappointed about the loss. "We thought that this year we were good enough to win the A-10," he said.

This year, though, high expectations were set for the men's team as it entered the championships seeded first in the conference because of its undefeated record in the regular season of A-10 play.

GW headed into Friday with an advantage: They had already defeated third-seeded West Virginia this season. In their second to last game of the year, the Colonials had easily romped over the Mountaineers 4-1. Although they had so much going for them, the Colonials were unable to break their streak of semi-final losses.

"I think that the injuries caught up with us in the end," Lidster said. Sitting out of Saturday's game was defenseman Van Martin, who broke his leg in a previous match-up against the U.S. Naval Academy last week. Lidster also mentioned the absence of midfielder Joel Hough, who has been unable to play because of broken vertebrae in his back.

The Colonials had to shuffle around the lineup to compensate for the absence of Martin. Midfielder Moises Reyes filled in at back for Martin and freshman Matt Nesbitt took a position up front to round out the starters. "Moises solidified the defense," Lidster said. "But without him up front, we just couldn't find our rhythm."

Playing on wet Astroturf, WVU scored the first goal 16:23 into the game as a Mountaineer shot trickled through a crowded Colonial goal. "We controlled the game after the first goal and created chances to score," Lidster said, "but we couldn't get the ball in."

According to Lidster, GW continued to dominate throughout the second period, but in the end they "threw caution to the wind." "We were pushing up in order to equalize," he said. The Mountaineers took advantage of this tactic, scoring off a breakaway with seven minutes left in the game. Goalkeeper Robert Christian, who had three saves for the game, compared to six by WVU, was unable to stop it, allowing the Mountaineers their second and final goal of the game.

"We created as many shots as we had last week against West Virginia, but the luck wasn't with us this time," Lidster said. The Colonials had nine shots on goal overall in Friday's match-up.

Another upset occurred Friday as fourth-seeded Massachusetts defeated second-seeded Rutgers 2-1 in the A-10 semi-finals. Rutgers won the championships last year with a 2-1 win over Rhode Island. UMass and West Virginia played in Sunday's final game to determine who would gain the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Although as a team, the Colonials were unable to pull off their much hoped for win, individually many GW players were awarded by the A-10 for their performances this season. Stephen Masten was named Rookie of the Year, Marcelo Valencia earned Player of the Year, Christian took Goalkeeper of the Year. Both Reyes and Chris Majewski made First Team All-Conference. Lidster also joined his players by being nominated co-Coach of the Year.

"Overall it was a good year," Lidster said. "We were in the national spotlight due to our games against Stanford and San Francisco. It was also a weird season in a way."

"We started off well and our overall record (10-5-6) doesn't seem so bad, but the ties really hurt us. It was just one of those years," he said.

Cagers to play on TV

The GW men's basketball team will appear on television nine times this season, including ESPN's telecast of its Feb. 13, 1993 Presidents' Day contest at home against the University of Richmond.

WDCA-TV, Channel 20 will show three Colonials' games over three straight weekends. It will broadcast GW's contests at West Virginia Jan. 9 and at Massachusetts Jan. 16, as well as the Jan. 23 home game against Rhode Island.

Home Team Sports will take the lead in airing GW's games, carrying four. HTS plans to show the Colonials' match-up at Pepperdine University Dec. 23 and at James

Madison University Jan. 6, 1993. The cable network will also cover GW hosting West Virginia Feb. 21 and Rutgers Feb. 29.

For the first time, WFTY-TV, Channel 50 will broadcast a Colonials' game, showing GW facing UMass at the Smith Center Feb. 13.

Fans will not be shut out of the action if GW makes it past the first round of the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament. HTS will have both A-10 Semifinals at the Palestra in Philadelphia, Pa. March 9 while ESPN will show the championship March 12 from the home arena of the higher seed.

-Vince Tuss

Tennis tackles tough weekend competition

by Becky Heruth

Asst. Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's tennis teams competed in top-level individual tournaments this weekend. The men traveled to Princeton, N.J. to play in the ITCA Indoor Regional Qualifier and the women participated in the Rolex Invitational Tennis Championships in Philadelphia, Pa.

"It was all of the best players in the East," GW head coach Joe Mesmer said. "Our top player was hurt, but our two did well. They were able to compete against the top players."

Colonial Rony Biron won both of his matches to qualify for the tournament, defeating players from the University of Pennsylvania, (6-3, 4-6, 6-2) and Dartmouth College (6-3, 6-2). Biron lost in the first round, though, (6-3, 6-3). Yuval Karntzy, who had already qualified for the tournament, advanced to the third round after beating players from the University of Providence (6-1, 6-2) and West Virginia (6-3, 6-1). He was defeated by a player from Yale University (3-6, 4-6).

"Both of them played better after each match," Mesmer said. "I think if Yuval had taken the second set, he could have won. He was hitting the ball well, though."

Three singles and two doubles competed for the Colonials' Women. GW's number one seed, Lisa Shafran, won her first three matches to advance to the quarterfinals where she lost (2-6, 2-6) to a player from the College of William and Mary.

"She looked to be the best player there," GW assistant coach Peter Kagen said. "Lisa did very well against the stiff competition."

Shafran also made it to the quarterfinals in doubles with Karina Ramirez. After winning the first two rounds, they were defeated by Syracuse University (3-6, 4-6). Singles players Ellen Novoseletsky and Ramirez lost in the first round as did the doubles team of Shannon Cain and Novoseletsky.

"They really fought hard and the level of play was high," Kagen said. "It was a lot of tennis. Overall, it was pretty positive."

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Bye-Bye, Bush! Hello, President Clinton!

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE GW HATCHET

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The Leiter Side

Young voters make a difference; will Clinton do the same?

It's finally over. My first presidential election — the first one I've been eligible to vote in that is. Every columnist in the country has offered their advice for President-elect Clinton, and because I have nothing to say to the man except, "Good luck — you've got a hell of a job ahead of ya," I will use my space for something more important — us.

Congratulations to the 18-29 year-olds in America! Seventeen million of us voted in this election to produce the highest voter turnout in our age bracket since 1971, when the voting age was

lowered from 21 to 18. Whether it was because you are an avid supporter of Clinton, a staunch opponent of Bush or wanted to see some guy with big ears win the presidency, I commend you. It's nice to know we did not live up to our reputation of being lazy, apathetic couch potatoes.

People who do label us with such an insult are usually the ones who dub us the MTV generation and claim that our minds have been contaminated with Metallica songs instead of "McLaughlin Group." Well, the Baby Boomers and

the senior citizens should thank MTV for its efforts with Rock the Vote, a nationwide campaign to help attract younger voters to the polls. MTV may have contributed to zeros on our high school homework assignments, but it helped produce our high scores at the polls this year.

The GW Hatchet surveyed students about the presidential election and found that aside from international students or new American citizens, most eligible students voted. Because our University is smack dab in the middle of

all the hoopla, even those students who don't give a hoot about politics would probably feel awkward if they didn't vote. At least I would.

Because we've put a commendable effort into choosing the next president, I hope Bill Clinton puts just as much effort into making our lives better — most of us will enter the real world during Clinton's administration. Last year's graduating class encountered the worst job market in years. College tuition costs have risen to levels our parents never dreamed of. And we may

be entering the workforce in a time when a huge chunk of our paychecks could pay for government screw-ups, including the savings and loan scandal — in which our current president's son was involved.

We need leadership. We need reforms. We need someone to boost the economy and boost our morale. The question is: is Bill Clinton the right man for the job? We'll soon find out.

The election is over but the next four years have yet to begin. I'm scared. Scared of the next four years, of my

life's changes and my country's changes. I would probably feel the same way no matter which of the three candidates won, and that is a sad, sad thought. Let's give Clinton a chance, and if he screws up, I'm for Jack Kemp in '96.

-Lisa Leiter

British student gets yuks from it all

by Daniel Owen

Finally, after all the excitement and tension, the 1996 Presidential campaign can, at last, get underway. As for the latest Clinton-fest, I will be able to say to my grandchildren (or nearest equivalent), I was there, I saw it happen. I wore the buttons and sweatshirts and waved banners and went to rallies — I even got to touch Bill's sweaty hand. I feel like I contributed to a moment of history.

There's just one problem. Bill Clinton is not my president.

I couldn't vote for him. My taxes will not pay for his spending. And, with the possible exception of a comprehensive overhaul of immigration policy, his domestic policies will have little impact on my life.

I'm a British student, one of thousands of GW international students caught in the nation's capital, surrounded by posters and polls, but unable to make that last leap in political participation. Because even the British networks had live coverage of everything, you'd think they'd let us vote just because we're so well informed!

From an international perspective, this presidential campaign has provided the same laughs that we get from across the Atlantic every four years.

First, there's the ridiculous length of U.S. election campaigns. Correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't that former Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) standing in line for the microphone after Michael Dukakis gave his concession speech in 1988? Then there's the money. Where else in the world can you spend \$90 million and still come in third? Aren't there people who actually wanted to watch the TV shows that got pushed out for Perot? More importantly, don't you think there are people with something to say who can't afford even 30 seconds of prime time?

Now, as the dust settles, the front pages of the world's newspapers can return to stories of their own economic collapse. And we can look forward to the '96 circus when those of us with screwed up governments of our own can have a good laugh at the biggest one of them all.

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Clinton's policy agenda: what it means for students

by Zachary Nienus

The positions President-elect Bill Clinton took on issues such as the environment, education, and the economy during his campaign will have an effect on the GW campus in the near future, according to several knowledgeable observers of his campaign.

It is premature to speculate about where Clinton's policies will lead, according to Henry Merchant, director of GW's Environmental and Resource Policy Graduate Program. However, Merchant said there are indications that Clinton is more likely to act upon his campaign promises.

"Because he (Clinton) emphasized the environmental issue, I'm sure the environmentalists will hold his feet to the fire," he said. Merchant noted that Clinton often deferred environmental questions to his running mate, Sen. Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.), who authored the book, *Earth in the Balance*, describing the environmental crisis facing the planet. "It was short on specifics, but did illustrate where Gore's attention laid," he added.

When questioned about Clinton's likelihood to adhere to his stance, Merchant was unsure. "I'm optimistic in that Clinton will create a better climate in Washington that will be more receptive to constructive changes in environmental policy, but I'm also a realist in recognizing the fact that it is a complex political environment out there, and the changes will most likely not be extreme."

Merchant noted that the Clinton campaign has adopted a positive aspect of Gore's book — the economy does

not have to suffer to save the environment. "Gore made it clear that the two are connected, and that no decision can be made on one, to the exclusion of the other," he said.

GW Economics Professor Amitai Etzioni, who endorsed the Clinton campaign, said Clinton's economic proposals were the best choice to get America back on its feet. "He aims to create more opportunities for employment as part of his package," Etzioni said.

He said Clinton believes that in order to stimulate the economy, government is required to increase its input into the economy. Etzioni said one example of this was Clinton's proposal to speed the timetable of money to federal projects, which would act as a jump start to the economy. "Increasing the amount of spending in such areas as transportation will decrease unemployment through the rapid creation of new jobs," he said.

Education was one of Clinton's key issues during the campaign, and some of Clinton's greatest policy successes of his presidency will lie in this area, according to School Education and Human Development Dean Peter Smith.

Smith, while serving as lieutenant governor of Vermont, was able to work with Clinton in 1984 when he was head of the Education Commission of the States. "Even back then, Clinton showed an understanding of the issues, and a sincere concern to make productive change."

"I believe intuitively that Clinton understands that the education system in America, on all levels, is in desperate need of an overhaul," Smith said.

"(Clinton) views education as a question of national security."

He views Clinton as an innovator, ready to address the problems of America's education system. Smith noted that Clinton's policies will focus

on all levels of education, and concentrate on what he refers to as "high-risk" groups. "These groups are generally minority students, or lower-class students who are often not presented with enough opportunities to succeed in

life."

Smith noted that Clinton would like to increase the standards of the American education system across the board. "He wants to raise the floor and open the roof."

Education back in style as Bush gets the boot; college students ready for Clinton administration

by Deborah Solomon

Revising the current student loan system and ensuring that every student who wants a college education can get one are two of President-elect Bill Clinton's proposals for higher education. Clinton advocates a structure significantly different from the ideas President Bush has espoused, especially the system currently used to repay loans.

In their book, *Putting People First*, Clinton and Vice President-elect Albert Gore Jr. said tough standards need to be established so students get the best education they can.

"Millions of our children go to school unprepared to learn... we have to work hard to see that every American school has a challenging, rich curriculum," Clinton and Gore write. However, their one overriding point is that any student who wishes to attend college should be able to regardless of race, money or grades.

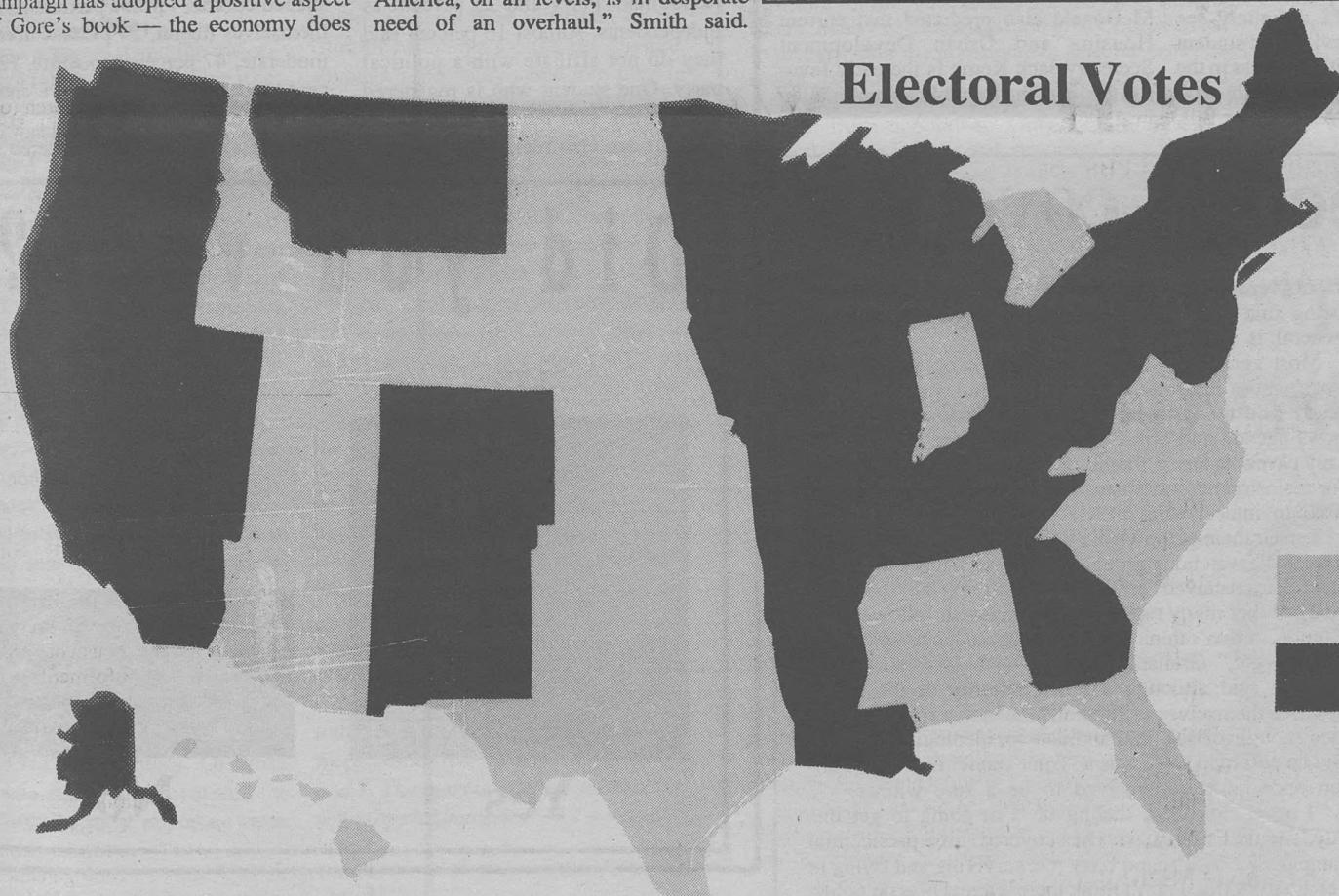
Clinton wants to maintain the current Pell Grant system, but scrap the existing student loan system. He plans to create a National Service Trust Fund to guarantee every student who wants a college education the means to obtain one. This system would allow students who are given loans to pay back the money either as a small percentage of their income over time, or through community service as teachers, law enforcement officers, health care workers, or peer counselors who help kids stay off drugs and in school. Loans for two-year schools would be repaid with one year of service and four-year loans

would be repaid with two years of service.

- Clinton maintains that aid to students who want to attend college should not be determined by grades. While Governor of Arkansas, Clinton introduced legislation that denied driver's licenses to those who dropped out of school without a good reason. He supports national testing standards to help measure the achievements of students and identify areas which need improvement. Clinton said students in good standing should not be denied access to college and said he will provide "universal access to college for anyone who desires a college education."
- Supports simplifying the student aid program by eliminating banks from the process and making direct loans to students through their colleges and trade schools.
- Clinton said he does not perceive political correctness or the issue of whether to punish those who make racist or sexist remarks a higher education issue. Clinton said he thinks America needs to focus on the "real problems" in education.
- Advocates affirmative action to allow every person to go to college. Clinton said under his college-aid proposal, "every young American will have access to a college education, no matter what their background."

Clinton's ideas have been supported by various education groups around the country including the American Federation of Teachers. Albert Shanker, AFT president, said in a press release, "Unlike George Bush, Bill Clinton knows education and is passionate about education. As President, he will do what needs to be done to get American education back on track because he has been doing it."

Electoral Votes



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Bill Clinton clearly won the 1992 presidential election by garnering 370 electoral votes from 32 states. He captured 43 percent of the popular vote from 43,728,375 people, The Washington Post reported Nov. 5.

President Bush fell far behind with 168 electoral votes from 18 states. He won 38 percent of the popular vote from 38,167,416 people. Among the states he took were Florida, Texas, Arizona and Indiana.

Ross Perot did not receive the electoral votes of any state, and only got 19 percent of the popular vote from 19,237,247 people. He earned high percentages of votes in Alaska, Idaho and Utah, a state where he got more votes than Clinton.

-Lisa Leiter

Republicans blow chance to take back the U.S. Congress

by Vince Tuss

In the wake of cries for change from Ross Perot and Bill Clinton, plus numerous scandals, this year's races for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate were expected to bring wholesale partisan shifts, the new Congress on which George Bush campaigned.

Instead, the parties' share of seats did not change much, but the faces of the delegates became more representative of the nation as a whole.

In the end, the Senate will have 57 Democrats — the same number as in the previous Congress. Republicans will seat 42, with one race

between Sen. Wyche Fowler (D-Ga.) and Paul Coverdell to be decided in a runoff.

Both parties hoped to make gains in the Congress so the executive branch would hear their concerns. Democrats now control both sides of the government but hoped to obtain 60 seats in the Senate to defeat Republican filibusters.

Republicans, however, wished to offset the loss of the presidency by placing more representatives in Congress. They were disappointed because the GOP took only eight additional seats in the House and none in the Senate.

Democrats now have complete control of partisan government, but they took not to duplicate the animosity between the president and the Congress

during the Carter administration. Many of the members elected Tuesday have more liberal stances than President-elect Bill Clinton.

Polls and experts had predicted close calls for the Senate in New York, South Carolina, Oregon and Ohio, but Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) and Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) all pulled off wins. Sen. John Seymour (R-Calf.) — who Gov. John Wilson appointed to fill his seat — Sen. Bob Kasten (R-Wisc.) and Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.) were the only incumbents of the 26 to lose their seats.

The scandal-plagued House, where bounced checks and privilege brought public outcry

against incumbents, returned the seating members in 322 of the 346 races where they ran again. Top members of the House, including Speaker Tom Foley (D-Wash.), Majority Whip David Bonior (D-Mich.) and Minority Whip Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) all survived tough races to return.

However, the electorate already voiced enough outrage by forcing representatives not to pursue re-election or voting against them in the primaries. In the 103rd Congress, 11 new senators and 110 new representatives will join the body, making this the biggest change in membership since 1948.

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THE HATCHET

Students approve of Clinton victory

by James Dinan

GW students praised Bill Clinton's triumph last week and said they thought he was the best candidate for president.

Freshman Ry Adams, an enthusiastic Clinton supporter, was impressed with Clinton's landslide victory in the Electoral College. "I was a little surprised with the results in the Electoral College. I think that the voters realized that it was time for a change. The American people that were struggling with the economy realized this and they voted with their hearts," Adams said.

Freshman Matt Cohen questioned the media's view of Clinton's victory as a moral one since he only received 43 percent of the popular vote, one of the lowest in American history. He said Clinton's popular vote was low because it was a three-candidate race, in which the third-party candidate was viable. "I thought that Ross Perot was the first third-party candidate since Teddy Roosevelt in 1912 to really gain voter strength against the major parties," he said.

Students celebrate Clinton's victory at Milo's on Tuesday night.

College Democrats member Rich Dyer said he sees a strong Clinton administration beginning in January. "A lot of the legislation . . . is aimed at restructuring and rebuilding the mess that has developed over the past 12 years. I hope to see some improvement on the deficit and a strong domestic agenda, which would include the revival of social programs that were put aside during the Bush years," he said.

Freshman Emily Willis also said she sees some domestic improvements over the next four years. "I definitely see Clinton bringing in a revitalized student loan program, along with progress in the turn towards a national health care system. I also see the Motor Voter Bill,

which would automatically register citizens when they receive a driver's license, being passed and signed in a Clinton administration," she said.

College Republicans member Scott McDonald expects his party to return to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. in 1996. "The reason Bush did not win was because of the far-right contingent and the lack of a campaign. As long as the Republican ideology is held to, there is no doubt in my mind that the American people will choose reality over a pipe dream such as the Democrats expounds," he said. McDonald also predicted that current Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp is the early favorite to clinch the Republican nomination in 1996.

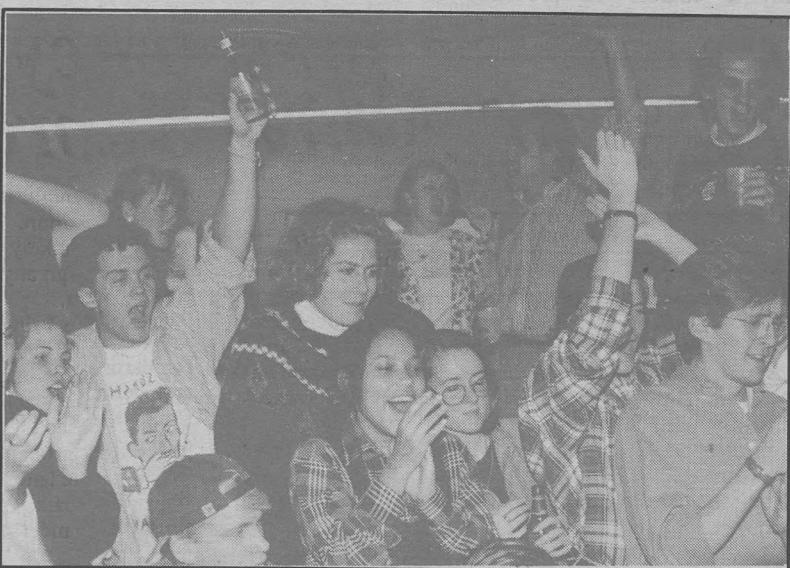


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How GW Voted ✓

by Elissa Leibowitz

Not surprisingly, GW students followed the nation's trend and supported Bill Clinton in his bid for the presidency.

Whereas Clinton received only 43 percent of the nation's popular vote, he gained almost 70 percent support from GW students, according to a random poll of 220 undergraduate students conducted Friday and Saturday. Republican President George Bush gained support from 23 percent of the undergraduate population, compared to 38 percent nationally. Support for Independent candidate H. Ross Perot was weaker at GW than in the country overall, harvesting less than 10 percent of the student vote and 19 percent of the nation's popular vote.

The student vote, however, reflects what is commonly believed to be a more liberal generation compared to the country overall.

Of those who voted, 45 percent identified themselves with the Democratic Party, 24 percent with the Republican Party and 25 percent as Independents. Almost 16 percent said they do not affiliate with a political party. One student who is registered Independent said the reason so many students are also registered Independents or are not affiliated with a party all is because when they registered to vote in high school, there were not many political influences directing them toward one party. "College is really where you start to solidify your political feelings and ideology," he said.

This year's election also proved the GOTV—Get Out The Vote—was effective in inspiring college students to register and vote. Of the students polled, 73 percent voted. And of those who did not vote, 62 percent were not qualified—57 percent are international students or live in the United States but are not citizens, and five percent are not old enough to vote. Only a small percentage said they were not interested in voting in the presidential election or said they did not have time to vote. One student even said he could not get to the polls in time because his car broke down the day of the election. Twenty-three percent of qualified student voters said they did not register.

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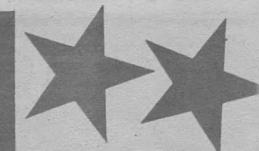
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ON 1992



Who got your vote?

Clinton

68.1%

Bush

22.5%

Perot

9.4%

Percentages are based on number of students surveyed who said they voted. For more information on the survey, see story below.

ral than the rest of the nation, explaining why more students support the Clinton camp's efforts to promote nationwide change.

Although students spend the majority of their year living in Washington, D.C., most chose to vote in their home colleges by absentee ballot. Seventy percent mailed in absentee ballots in October, whereas 10 percent registered to vote in Washington, D.C. Twenty percent voted in their home states, mainly in suburban Virginia and Maryland. One student who voted by absentee ballot said she was not ready to choose a candidate when her ballot was due back in her state two weeks before the general election. "I felt I had to vote before I was fully involved in what was going on," she said.

Students didn't vote without reason. Compared to past elections, 1992 was filled with sound-bites, flailing headlines and overall media submersion in the issues. There was not a single newspaper headline or television news broadcast absent of the candidates' up-to-the-minute opinion on what are turning out to be the top issues of the last decade of the 20th century. Of those students who voted, 33 percent said the economy was the most important issue

used in deciding to vote for their candidate, followed by character of candidate, abortion, foreign policy and education. Students were not taken by the Clinton campaign's push for change, although it probably came into play in considering the other issues of importance. Strangely enough, the Bush campaign's tactics attacking Clinton's character seemed to work against the incumbent's re-election efforts. Even though character of the candidate was important, it appears those students who saw character as the most important issue voted for Clinton. Bush, it seems, was caught in a political Catch-22. "In pulling up all the gossip about Clinton — Gennifer Flowers, the draft, the marijuana deal — it just hurt Bush's credibility. I couldn't vote for someone who saw the gossip as more important than the issues," said one student who identified himself as a Republican but voted for Clinton.

About the survey: In cooperation with the Office of the Registrar and the GW Information Center, The GW Hatchet obtained a random list of 500 undergraduate students' names who were contacted by telephone Nov. 6 and 7. The margin of error for this survey is approximately +/- 7.2 percent.

Endorse term limits

77 percent in Wyoming's eleventh district. Colorado was the only state to do this.

The term limit statutes are being proposed by members of Congress. The challenges are being resolved. Opponents of the proposals claim term limitation is already in practice in all 50 states through the election process.

Incentives of large campaign contributions.

The term limits threaten Congress's committee system in which seniority determines chair positions. If term limits become more widespread or a constitutional amendment, as their proponents hope, is adopted, a new system for distribution of power would have to be developed.

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But the initiatives' backers plan to push term limits in more states next year.

The 14 states which passed the proposals are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Democratic presidency may alter now conservative Supreme Court

by Lee Hoffman

One of President-elect Bill Clinton's first tasks when he takes office in January will be to fill the more than 100 vacancies in the federal judiciary left behind by George Bush. In addition to lower court appointments, it seems likely that Clinton may be the first Democrat to appoint a Supreme Court Justice since Lyndon Johnson appointed Thurgood Marshall 25 years ago.

Currently, 65 percent of the 846 life-tenured federal judges have been appointed by either Reagan or Bush during their tenures. However, 84 vacancies currently exist in the federal district courts, the circuit courts of appeals have 16 vacancies and two openings exist on the Court of International Trade. All of the judges on these courts are constitutionally provided with life tenure during good behavior.

Vacancies are expected to mount since the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts estimates that five judges retire every month. While Bush had made nominations to fill 53 of the holes left in the courts, the Senate had not acted on the acceptance of those nominees prior to adjournment, so Clinton must now provide the new Senate with his slate of candidates.

The open federal judgeships will be an important beginning test for Clinton because 99 percent of all federal cases are decided at the district level or by the courts of appeals. Despite the importance of the lower courts to the federal judicial system, many observers are focusing on the possible ramifications of a Clinton presidency on the Supreme Court.

Several of the Supreme Court justices, who keep their positions for life, have hinted that they may resign in the near future. Such resignations would give Clinton an early chance to perhaps alter the conservative shift the court has taken in recent years.

Of the nine members on the Supreme Court, five have been Reagan-Bush appointees. Only Justice Byron White, the longest-sitting justice, was appointed by a Democrat. President Kennedy appointed him to the court in 1962.

Prior to Clinton's election, rumors regarding several of the justices' possible retirements had been circulating. However,

most people thought the justices would wait to step down until someone more liberal occupied the White House. Although it is unlikely that any of the staunchly conservative justices will resign any time soon, several moderate justices may be leaving.

In addition to being considered the court's most liberal member, Justice Harry Blackmun will turn 84 this week and is the court's oldest member. Although he was appointed by President Nixon, Blackmun has had a long and distinguished career as a voice of liberal ideals for the court.

Blackmun is probably most famous for writing the majority opinion in the landmark case, *Roe v. Wade*. In addition to his advanced years, Blackmun has been forced to contend with prostate cancer and has suggested that he may soon retire.

In his opinion in last term's *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, Blackmun mentioned his impending retirement and the effect that may have on the abortion rights movement. "I am 83 years old. I cannot remain on this court forever, and when I do step down, the confirmation process for my successor may focus on the issue before us today," Blackmun wrote.

White has sat on the court for 30 years and has also intimated that he is considering retirement. Though White was considered a conservative when he was appointed, the right-wing stance of recent Reagan-Bush appointees has moved White to the position of swing vote.

According to The Washington Post, White has become increasingly upset with the polarization of the court. White has reportedly hired clerks for one more term, adopting a "wait and see" attitude for any commitment beyond that. White has also suggested in a *Newsweek* article that he would like to spend more time with his grandchildren.

John Paul Stevens was also appointed by Republican President Ford, and finds himself on the more liberal end of the current court. Like Blackmun, Stevens was treated for prostate cancer, though his health is currently reported as fine. However, at the age of 72, Stevens has added fuel to the retirement rumors by spending all of his free time engaged in recreational pursuits in Florida.

GW officials express excitement about new president, his policies

by Sari Marvel

University administrators and professors are happy with the idea that Bill Clinton will serve as the 42nd President of the United States.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said he is pleased with Bill Clinton being elected and said he hopes he will do a good job. He said he believes the economy is in better shape than people have thought, which will allow Clinton to enter the Oval Office at a good time.

National Law Center Dean Jack Friedenthal said none of the three candidates said anything too specific throughout their campaigns. Friedenthal said Perot was almost funny when he said, "there are a lot of plans out there. We'll pick one and run with it."

Friedenthal added he is deeply concerned with the education issue. "I hope we'll have a good approach to scholarship. This is an important issue for us in private college and grade school administration. It costs a lot of money to run a private institution. Governor Clinton made promises in this area," he said.

On the issue of student loans, Friedenthal said Clinton's plan — giving students financial aid but requiring them to work in a service field after college — is a fine idea as long as its productive service and people can do things to allow us to streamline other types of operations. Friedenthal said this



President Trachtenberg



President Clinton

could be a useful way to get young people to work in the country while receiving an education at the same time.

GW Political Science Professor Caroline Arden said she is delighted about Clinton being elected president and the youthful energy, enthusiasm and vigor along with his presidency. "I am a Democratic partisan. I gave up a long time ago trying to conceal this from my students," she said.

Arden said she believes the Clinton presidency is going to be as successful as it can be. She said Clinton inherited

disarray, however, he wants to do well.

On the issue of voter turnout, Arden said she hoped it would be higher. Arden said she believes young people have finally decided to get out and take charge of their lives.

Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean Linda Salamon said she was also pleased Clinton won because she is a longtime Democrat. In addition, Salamon said she is happy because Clinton will be appointing at least two Supreme Court justices as well as many federal judges.

Campus Highlights

November 9-15

Campus Highlights is a calendar of events, services, & announcements at GW. Submissions for upcoming week must be turned in to GW Information Center (Marvin Center, 1st floor) no later than preceding Wednesday at noon.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Town Forum on Alzheimer's Disease. Lisner Aud., 4pm. Free & open to public. Sponsored by Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. Info: 333-8845.

"The Platinum Series." Thurston Hall Cafeteria, 6pm. Discussion on issues of substance abuse on campus featuring University administrators & staff. Program includes dinner. Students not on meal plan may purchase food a la carte. Sponsored by RHA, NRHH, GW Dining Services, & Office of Campus Life. Info: 994-7470 (Bret).

Nadine Strossen, ACLU President. Marvin Center Ballroom, 7pm. Sponsored by Program Board. Info: 994-7313.

"Revolutions in Music & Music in Revolutions." Visitor's Center, 8pm. University Symposium featuring WETA Public Radio Host Robert Aubrey Davis. Sponsored by University Honors Program. Info: 994-6816.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Study Abroad in Australia. Stuart Hall 108, 10:30am. Representative from Flinders University in Australia available. Sponsored by Study Abroad Office. Info: 994-6242.

Effective Interviewing. Academic Center T509, 3-4:30pm. Sign up in advance. Sponsored by CCEC. Info: 994-6495.

Study Abroad General Info Meeting. Stuart Hall 108, 3:30pm. Sponsored by Study Abroad Office. Info: 994-6242.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Cooperative Education Orientation. Academic Center T509, 4-5pm. Sign up in advance. Sponsored by CCEC. Info: 994-6495.

Improving Reading Concentration. Marvin Center 409, 4-5:30pm. Workshop concentrates on reading techniques & comprehension. Please bring a textbook. Sponsored by University Counseling Center. Info: 994-6550.

Universally Speaking Toastmasters Meeting. Marvin Center 413, 6:30pm. Sponsored by Toastmasters International. Info: 347-3817 (Karen).

Party at Milo's. 2142 Pennsylvania Ave., 9:45pm. \$4, all-you-can-eat pizza & live music. Sponsored by Program Board. Info: 994-7313.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
International Student Society Coffee Hour. ISS Office, 2129 G St., 4-6pm. Sponsored by ISS. Info: 994-6863.

Letters & Resumes. Academic Center T509, 5-6:30pm. Sign up in advance. Sponsored by CCEC. Info: 994-6495.

"Dracula" - Sneak Preview. Lisner Aud., 9pm. Free, pick up passes in Marvin Center 429. Sponsored by Program Board. Info: 994-7313.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Committee on Student Publications Meeting. Lisner Hall 404, 1pm. For more information contact 994-8400.

No Time Comedy-Improv Show. Downstage Lisner, midnight. Comedy-Improv show/music. Donations taken. Sponsored by GW No Time Players. Info: 429-3151.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
no submissions at time of production

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
no submissions at time of production

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for Someone to Play Tennis, Racquetball or Squash with? Drop by the Recreational Sports Office to find your match! Smith Center 128. Info: 994-6251 (Recreational Sports).

Free Aerobics Classes! Monday-Friday 12-1pm & 7-8pm in Smith Center. All participants must complete waiver. Contact Rec. Sports office at 994-6251.

GWU Aikido Club Meeting. Marvin Center 501, 7-10pm. Meets every Monday & Wednesday. Info: (301) 507-3720 (Matt) or (301) 507-9215 (Mike).

GW Writing Center. Offers tutoring in all phases of writing, from brainstorming & outlining to drafting & revision. Center hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9am-8pm & Fri., 9am-noon. Stuart Hall 301H. Free to GW students. For Information or appointment call 994-3765.

Reading Book of Daniel in Greek. Building 0, 202. Every Monday, 1-1:55pm. Sponsored by Dept. of Religion & Dept. of Classics. Info: 994-6326 or 994-6125.

Colonnade Gallery. Marvin Center, 3rd floor. "The New District of Co-

lumbia Collage Society Fourth Annual Members Exhibition." October 29-December 4. Info: 994-8401.

Thurston Hall Resident Dining. November 9-15. Mon: L-Hot Dog Express, D-Jello Bar; Tues: L-Deli Spread Bar, D-Wok Bar; Wed: L-Soup Bar, D-Cheesecake Bar; Thurs: L-Crispy Dipper Bar, D-Baked Potato Bar; Fri: L-Cupcake Bar, D-Bread & Spread Bar; Sat: L-Homemade Bread Bar, D-Pie Bar; Sun: L-Bagel Bar, D-Banana Split Bar.

Conversational English Classes. Marvin Center 405, 6:30-7:30pm. Every Thursday until end of semester. Sponsored by GW Christian Fellowship. Info: (703) 281-4185.

Ski Trip - Spring Break '93. Trip to Smuggler's Notch, Vermont includes slopeside lodging, lift tickets, 5 days of lessons, & round-trip transportation for \$399. If interested, contact Recreational Sports at 994-7546.

"Annual Student Show." Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisner Auditorium. Free to public. On view November 12-December 3. Info: 994-1525.

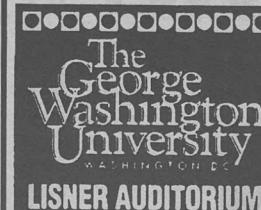
"Faculty Research at GW: Scholarship & Innovation." Gelman Library Special Collections. Through November 25. Info: 994-6558.

"Patriots & Prophets: Outsider Art From Washington Area Collections." Dimock Gallery, Lisner lower level. Features over 30 objects & paintings by "outsider" artists, highlighting themes such as patriotism & religious inspiration. Through November 3. Info: 994-1525.

Volunteer Groups Needed for Holiday Project. Coalition for the Homeless needs 18 volunteer groups to help staff a giftwrap station from December 7-24 at the Shops Mall (13th & F Sts, NW). Groups are asked to choose one day to staff giftwrap station from 10am-8pm. Info: 347-8870 (Jim).

University Counseling Center Services. Various topics covered, from study habits to student issues, with individual counseling or group support. Call University Counseling Center at 994-6550 for schedule or more information.

"The BIG To Do!" GW's colorful ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT calendar, reaches an audience of over 6,000 each month. Take advantage of this opportunity to publicize your events for FREE! Submission forms available for pick-up & drop-off at GW Information Center (Marvin Center, 1st floor). **Photos, graphics & other ARTWORK** desired. Deadline is 1st of each month. For more information contact GW Info Center, 994-GWGW.



LISNER AUDITORIUM

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 4:00PM:

The Institute for Advanced Studies in Immunology & Aging Presents:

A Town Forum on Alzheimer's Disease

An update for the public and medical community on the advances in basic research that hold promise for developing meaningful approaches to prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Free and open to the public.

For information call (202) 333-8845

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 9:00PM:

A Special Sneak Preview of

Dracula

Free to all GW Students
For information call (202) 994-7313.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, AT 7:00PM:

COORS LIGHT Super Talent Showcase

A talent competition featuring the Washington area's best and brightest amateur performers.

Tickets: \$15 plus svc chg at all TICKETMASTER locations and through PhoneCharge (202)432-SEAT; \$18 at the door, one hour before showtime. For more information call (301) 630-1200.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, AT 7:00PM

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Inauguration fever arrives on campus

by Maren Feltz

Plans are in the works for GW to host its own inauguration ball on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20. The University has also canceled classes and closed offices for the day.

Lynn Shipway, special assistant to the vice president for Administrative and Information Services, said the University is exploring the possibility of having the event on Jan. 20 in the Marvin Center. She said the event would be "patriotic and black tie, preferably — just like the real thing."

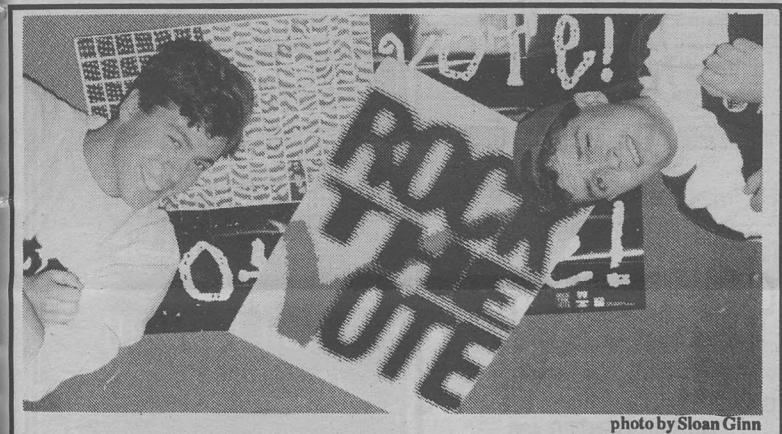
Shipway said the Office of Special Events convened a group of students who were interested in pursuing the idea of holding an inaugural ball. Originally they considered holding the ball in honor of George Washington, who never was inaugurated in Washington, D.C., but Shipway said feedback from students revealed that they would prefer to "concentrate on the current election" and hold the ball in honor of President-elect Bill Clinton and Vice President-elect Sen. Al Gore (D-Tenn.).

Shipway said although people have become active in pursuing details for the ball, they are still looking for enthusiasm from students on the topic.

"We're anxious to know if students are interested," Shipway said. "We don't want to give a party and have no one come." She said one concern expressed by students so far is that the Homecoming Dance is 10 days after Inauguration Day. "We don't want to compete with that. We don't want to conflict with that either," Shipway said, adding that she hopes to keep costs low so students can attend both events.

Shipway said she thought students would be enthusiastic about attending an inauguration ball at GW, especially after a day of activities. She said because classes are canceled, many students will be able to attend inauguration parades and the inauguration itself.

Executive assistant director of Personnel Sharon Lett said classes are always canceled on Inauguration Day, which is basically a city-wide holiday. She added that part of the reason for this is logistical because many streets are closed for parades. "As far as getting in and out of the city, it can be quite a mess," she said.



Congress

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Minorities made the largest inroads into the legislature, growing from 39 last election to 59 this term. The 1992 elections bring the first state to send two women to the Senate — Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), the first Native American senator — Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.), the first black woman senator — Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), and the first Korean-American representative — Jay Kim (D-Calif.).

This election was promoted as the "Year of the Woman" and it fulfills that label because females expanded their representation to the largest level of all time. People voted in five women to the Senate out of the 11 who were running to increase the number in the body next year to seven. On the House side, 47 women won seats in their 106 races, boosting membership from 28 in the 102nd Congress.

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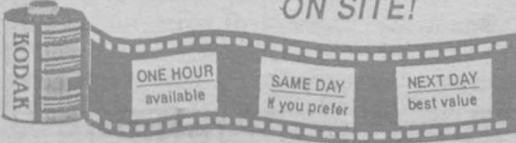
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